

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 6 1902.

LOCAL MATTERS

RAINROAD ACCIDENT.—There was a collision between two passenger trains at Quantico on the Washington Southern Railway, last night, which resulted in serious injury to the locomotives attached to the trains and the wrecking of one car. So far as learned no one was seriously hurt. It seems that the Florida special which left here south bound had reached Quantico about forty minutes late. It was to pass No. 66, the north bound passenger train, at that point. There is an up-grade at Quantico and the Florida special passed the same point (which is said to be a usual thing) in order to be above the grade. No. 66 was to slide track and allow the other train to pass. While the Florida train was standing on the main track No. 66 came along and collided with it. As stated above, both engines received the impact and were considerably damaged, and the car next to the locomotive of the Florida train was smashed. A wrecking train and crew were sent to the scene and the track was cleared during the night and traffic resumed.

WEATHER PROGNOSTICS.—For this section probably fair tonight and Friday; slowly rising temperature; light variable winds, mostly from the west.

CITY ASSESSMENTS.—Commissioner of Revenue C. H. Callahan has completed his assessment of property in the First and Second wards and has about finished writing up the first copy of each ward and will complete and make the extensions on each book as soon as the City Council report the tax rate for the year, which will probably be on Tuesday night next. The books are made on the new ward lines and will show what is the exact taxable values, real and personal, with the middle of Prince Street as the dividing line. As was stated by Mr. Bryan, Chairman of the Finance Committee, in council the work of preparing the books for the bills which has previously been part of the duties of the clerk of council, will now be done by the Commissioner of Revenue, the clerk only making out the bills. The change is an improvement over the old system, is more simple, no mistakes can be made, the risk of loss is less, and is one that the City Auditor wanted to make years ago, but would not unless it met the approval of the Commissioner of Revenue and the Clerk of Council. Commissioner Callahan says there will be certainly no falling off in values this year, for during the past four he has equalized real estate as occasion justified, increasing in some instances, reducing in others; however he has found no one, as yet, who desires to be assessed according to his square yard method. He relates a conversation he had some days ago with a member of one of the largest business houses in this city, when, as the owner had made some additions to his property, the Commissioner said: "I am going to make an increase in your assessment, and think I will do it on the square yard plan," but was told by the merchant that he wanted none of that kind of square yard plan. But for the fact the merchant is a churchman in good standing, and also a "progressive," it is probable he would have injected a little more vigor in his reply to the suggested square yard plan.

THE WEATHER AND THE RIVER.—The weather was cold again last night and this morning the mercury was low down in the thermometer. Late yesterday evening the appearance of the heavens portended snow; it did not come, however, and after dark the stars shone pale and there was still indication of snow. The ice in the river was rendered harder during the night and this morning from shore to shore the surface of the river was stationary. The Norfolk steamer ground her way through it about six o'clock and opened a track which congealed in her wake, and half an hour later the channel was again closed. The Western Line steamer Potomac, expected up this morning, was not in sight at ten o'clock, and the officers of the Norfolk steamer said they had seen nothing of her. The oil barge Everside, in tow of a tugboat, went to Washington yesterday afternoon. She was en route to the Washington Gas Light Company. Today the temperature moderated perceptibly and there are indications that the weather will gradually grow more pleasant. The western storm last night was still stalled in Colorado. For tomorrow warmer weather and more snow are predicted by the Weather Bureau. Cold weather continues everywhere except in the mountains.

SHARPS AND FLATS CONCERT.—It has been the policy of "Sharps and Flats" to give the best talent obtainable, and to their production of "The Broomstick Girl" they will not desert their audience. Mr. William Chabouch, who is to take the part of Count Arnheim, has never been heard before in Alexandria. He has two good solos, "The Heart Bowed Down," and "The Soldiers' Life." Mr. L. F. Randolph, to whom the difficult part of Florentine has been assigned, has not appeared before an Alexandria audience since he took the part of Ralph in "Pinafore." Mr. Horatio A. Rensch, one of Alexandria's favorite wags, has two familiar solos, "The Fair Land of Poland," and "Then you'll remember me," and a fine duet, "The Wound upon my arm," with Arline (Miss Mai R. Greenwell). As toadpoles, he will add new laurels to his reputation as an attractive tenor.

SLEIGHING.—The sleighing carnival was continued again last night. A number of fast horses were brought out and much interest was manifested by both participants and spectators. Mr. Robert Wenzel had his horse "Daisy" attached to a sleigh, and generally kept ahead of the revellers. A number of other steeds, however, made good records, and some were beaten merely by a "nose." The youngsters were at Cameron and Fairfax and King and Fairfax streets early in the night, and enjoyed coasting ad libitum. In some instances a train of small sleighs was formed into a toboggan by calling a plank to them, and as many boys as they would hold lay face down with another juvenile standing behind. The recipients carried their passengers two squares—to Union street.

TURNED INTO THE STREET.—John Hayatt and his wife Armina who were in this city yesterday endeavoring to obtain transportation to Illinois, returned to Washington and the board of charities of that city is now caring for them until some other provision can be made. They went to Washington about three weeks ago from New York, where Hayatt had been employed as a cook and afterward as a carpenter. They have been stopping at various places, but were compelled to give up the last room which they had occupied and were turned out upon the street with but 10 cents in their possession. They formerly resided in Benton, Franklin county, Ill., where Hayatt's sister resides.

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PORTRAIT OF SECRETARY HAY.—Mr. John P. Clarke has just framed a life-sized portrait of the Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, upon the order of Magnus L. Robinson, President of the McKinley Industrial School of this city. The portrait of the Secretary has the stamp of his approval, it having its autograph as follows: "For the William McKinley Industrial School, Alexandria, Va., with best wishes of John Hay." The portrait is a fine piece of artistic work, and will be placed in the reception room of the William McKinley Industrial School of this city, situated at Montgomery and north Patrick streets. The portrait will be placed on exhibition tomorrow morning for one week in the store window of Mr. Clarke, No. 612 King street. Mr. Clarke, who is one of the oldest citizens and business men of our city, made the frame for this portrait with his own hands, and it is a fine one.

PERSONAL.—The last but one, meeting of the season of the Junior Card Club was held last night at the residence of Miss Louise Burke who most charmingly entertained her guests. The prizes were won by Miss Kate Barrett and Messrs. E. B. Taylor and C. K. Sherburne.

MISS C. Mildred Thompson, of Atlanta, has been selected to represent Vassar College as leader in the inter-collegiate debate with Wellesley College, Mass. The debate will take place about May 1. Miss Thompson is a sister of Mr. Frank Thompson who is now making his home in this city.

MR. J. P. Clarke is quite sick at his home on Duke street.

Mr. Elsie Butler, engineer of the electric light plant of the Southern Railway in this city, who has been ill with pneumonia, was better this morning.

DEATH OF A FORMER ALEXANDRIAN.—Mr. William Andrew Hart, a former resident of this city, died of apoplexy at his home in Baltimore, at 8 o'clock yesterday evening, aged 76 years. Mr. Hart was born in Albemarle county and lived in Alexandria some years before and after the civil war, where he conducted a drug store. He left here for the South where he joined the Otter Battery at Richmond, serving during the war. Mr. Hart married Nancy (Gale), daughter of the late Robert Barrett, of this city, and leaves a family of three children, Julia Lyle, William Andrew, and Annie Lyle. The funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow. The interment will be made in the Presbyterian cemetery in this city.

PRICE OF OYSTERS ADVANCES.—As a result of cold weather the price of oysters has advanced sharply in Baltimore. Yesterday they sold wholesale at \$4.50 per barrel, with very choice varieties bringing as much as \$5. Last Friday oysters sold at from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per barrel in that city. Ordinary grades of oysters sold yesterday at \$1.35 per bushel, which is about 20 or 25 cents higher than last week. A year ago oysters sold in Baltimore at \$1.10 per bushel, while the barrel now brought \$3.50. There are but few oysters at the Alexandria docks. They have been selling at 70 cents per bushel.

KINDERGARTEN.—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Alexandria Kindergarten Association, held on Tuesday evening, routine business was transacted. The receipt of one dollar each from Miss Mabel Burke, Miss Emily Gibson, Miss Frances Burke, and Mrs. E. C. Rensch, was acknowledged. Kindergarten submitted some samples of work done by the children, which was interesting, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Wm. Desmond for repairing the water pipes. The board announces that visitors to the school are welcome; several were present during the month of January.

SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LOST.—So far no tidings have been heard of Capt. Chris. Faunce's sloop Albatross, which was blown out of Powell's creek on Sunday evening, and it is still feared the boat was lost. Mr. Edward Lyon, who resides near Woodbridge, states that a number of people residing near Powell's creek, realizing the perilous loss of the sloop, endeavored to rescue him, but their efforts proved futile. Captain Faunce is past seventy years of age and is a resident of Washington. He is known by many people in Alexandria, especially by watermen.

POLICE ITEMS.—There were no cases for trial in the Police Court this morning.

EI. Bernhardt last night reported to the officers at the station house that his wife had been missing since Tuesday. Lieutenant Sargent and Sergeant Good have been endeavoring to locate the missing woman.

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